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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761
Attention: Courtney Avery, Administrator

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Letter of Support for Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (CON Project 17-058)

Dear Board Members:

I am currently serving as the Illinois Market Network Director of JenCare Senior Medical Centers. Our clinics serve Primary Care medical services for the underserved communities in the Chicagoland area, particularly those receiving benefits from Medicare and Medicare MCOs.

I am writing to express our support for the certificate of need (CON) permit application submitted by Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (PCSC). We ask the members of the State Board to approve this project and grant PCSC a permit to establish an ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) in Merrionette Park, Illinois that will offer an affordable alternative to hospital-based surgical care, and provide greater access to services and much higher satisfaction for our patients. As the Board knows, surgery centers cost less than hospital care, particularly for the patients, considering many have coinsurance, deductibles, or copays for outpatient surgeries. In a hospital outpatient setting, it can cost each patient up to \$350 coinsurance. In addition, we have found that utilizing free standing facilities also reduces downstream costs that can accrue in the hospital setting.

We kindly request that you approve this application. We believe the project is both necessary and in the best interest of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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